



**Gulf Yachting Association Winter Meeting  
May 2, 2015  
Fort Walton Yacht Club**

**Call to Order 10:01** hours

**Executive Committee** members present: Vice Commodore Catherine Cromartie, Immediate-Past Commodore Ewell C. Potts, III, Rear Commodore Michael Hage, Parliamentarian, Alan McMillan, and Secretary Treasurer Janace Batty

**Roll Call** – 22 clubs were represented & constituted a quorum: BWYC, BYC, BUCYC, FYC, FWYC, GLYC, GYC, JYC, LAYC, LBYC, MYC, NYCPA, NOYC, PCYC, PYC, PBYC, PONTYC, STABYC, SRYC, SYC, SSSC & TYC.

Vice Commodore, Catherine Cromartie led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Parliamentarian, Alan McMillan led us in a prayer and recognized the recently deceased with a moment of silence.

**Vice Commodore Cromartie read deceased list**

**Gary Garner was introduced by Vice Commodore Cromartie and gave a small report. There will be a memorial for those lost in the Dauphin Island Race at 7:30 Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at FYC, please join us.**

**Introduction of all the Excom members as listed above.**

**Conduct of the Meeting** - Alan C. McMillan, the Parliamentarian duties of The Board of the GYA, which consists of the Executive Committee and the representatives from the general yacht clubs along with Past Commodores. Everyone must be recognized to be called on. Our Bylaws are our first dictation of the order of business and Roberts Rules follow that. There are two things important in Roberts Rules, one is the minutes. These minutes are not intended to be a chronicle of everything said and spoken. The minutes are a reflection of the business and should show the quorum, time and date of adjournment. The minutes should also reflect any motions presented and the results of those in description. The 33 seated club commodores or their representatives are the only voting members of the GYA Board. Reports are limited to five minutes.

**GYA Past Commodores were recognized:** David Bolyard (PONTYC), Tom Batty (BUCYC/MYC), Tom Beery (SRYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Harry Chapman (BWYC/SYC), Ted McLane (StABYC), Jim O'Neal (LAYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), Robert Mace (FYC), Judy Reeves (BWYC), Ewell C. Potts, III (SYC), Daniel Killeen, Sr. (SYC), Ted McLane (SABYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), John Morrow (GYC)

Commodore Dick Secord welcomes all and is sorry for Commodore Goodall missing this event. Commodore Secord thanked all the employees and volunteers.

**Minutes** – Amended Minutes from Winter meeting January 11, 2015, section under New Business, second paragraph under A. Motion made to approve/seconded/passed. .

### **Executive Committee**

Vice Commodore Cromartie said that Executive Committee, in its meeting on Friday night, addressed several items on agenda. Review of agenda for today's board meeting, Excom minutes from 2/28/15, \$7,500 financial investment for insurance multihull council proposal to change to a committee. Discussion of 57<sup>th</sup> Dauphin Island Race tragedy.

**Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer.** Janace Batty made the financial report and stated that as of April 30, 2015 the balance in checking was \$12,787.27 and the balance in savings account was \$15,954.67. Excom voted on decision to invest \$7,500 in a fund to self-insure for trophies.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Appeals – Dwight LeBlanc, Jr.** was out of town unable to come and had no report.

**By Laws Committee** – Commodore Basil Kennedy only one issue presented to us on the multihull council which was not concerning anything in the bylaws.

**Capdevielle – Kevin Northrop** – No report

**Membership Committee** – Immediate Past Commodore, Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. is unable to attend due to work gave report to Janace Batty as only new business is that Lake Charles Yacht Club has changed their membership to affiliate.

**Judges – Chris Luppens** no report

**U. S. Sailing – Chris Luppens**, no report

**Race Management** - Clinton Edwards no report

**Racing Rules** – Commodore Larry Taggart committee updated regs one correction in the directory which will be posted on the website. Also, discussed at length the Liptons was the experimental conditions this year. Be sure that all members of crew are listed and the number and length of races shall be adapted to a lower time frame. Change the 28.8 crew lists changes. Please be sure to read Commodore Taggart's report which is available on the website.

**Sail Measurement Committee – Claude Dannemann** - All is good with sail measurement

**Schedule – Chairman, Randy Fitz-Wainwright** –no report

**Trophy Committee – John Matthews** no report

**U. S. Sailing Championships Committee - Karen Reisch** presented a written report available on website.

**Youth Committee - Holly Murray** no report

**Foundation – Tod Holman**

Foundation met with Clifford Favrot of Delta Financial Services Inc., consulted 50% equities and 50% fixed income investments. The current investment balance is \$137,000 and \$15,000 in the checking account. Vice Commodore Cromartie presented a check in the amount of \$2700 from the Operating fund of GYA assessments through the dues to Tod Holman, Foundation. Report is available on the website.

**Offshore Council – Sam Vasquez**

Meeting went well today at 9:30.

**PHRF - Commodore Tom Beery**

PHRF GYA certificates have grown to 512. Good lift in increase membership coming up with about 15 more certificates from LPYC, Report included on website.

**One Design** Kevin Blank working on one design site. GYA Lightning had a deficiency in the NOR was not realized that it was a championship Larry Frost's win stood and remained in this GYA Lightning Regatta.

**Multihull Council**

No report

**Webmaster - Robbie Schmidt** reminders on line registration for Liptons link will go out to each club and end of year same online sort for scheduling NOR on website notices@gya.org

**Directory - Cheri Dillard**, directories mailed out early and are for sale \$20. Report included on website.

**Offshore -** Alan McMillan gave a report of their meeting, Challenge cup at GYC in June will have a leeward gate instead of a simple turning mark. There has been a decline from approximately 50 to 30 boats in the Gulfport to Pensacola race. Merlin Wilson, Commodore of SYC reported new Rally class two parties created in response from 50' to 30' participators. There is discussion of a party at Lulus and Horn Island. Alan posed a question of having a powerboat class. PYC has a beautiful powerboat trophy to present. PYC looking for a race to Havana, Cuba, or a race to Key West, in the future.

**Unfinished Business-**

- A. Clinton explained that in race management, all considerations of rules and trophies have been handled for the upcoming experimental eight races at the Liptons. Karl

Kleinschrodt asked his question on four skippers proceeding in a row. Clinton Edwards responded that there will be a three-three-two platform. Discussion of skippering whenever you want and need to is helpful from several board members. Commodore Jim O'Neal asked what's driving these additional races as he feels it will contribute to a decline in the quality of the race. Discussion of Clinton Edward and Kevin Northrup (Capdevielle) expressed that the majority of the regattas' participators want the additional races. There does need to be time for swap.

Commodore Richard Heausler will not be providing support boats on the water for the swap. Vice Commodore Cromartie recognized Commodore Batty call for the question, Vice Commodore explained the motion and asked for a motion, which was seconded.

Commodore Basil Kennedy asked about racing rules on Sailing Instructions which has already been approved. Motion passed. Motion presented attached.

### **New Business –**

- A. Abandonment Multihull council motion was presented, Commodore Bolyard seconded, and motion passed.

***The Multihull Council is proposing the motion to abandon the Multihull Council due to a lack of interest and support. This follows a recent trend in US Sailing structure as well.***

- B. Commodore Judy Reeves presented the following motion:

**Motion to rescind the motion that was made and passed from the January, 2012 GYA Board of Directors that said "for GYA to sail in a new interclub boat by calendar year 2018."** The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

After approximately 40 minutes of debate, Commodore Tom Batty called the question to end debate, which was seconded and passed by an 18-4 vote.

Following the end of debate a roll call vote was called on the Motion. Motion did not carry with 18 opposed, 4 in favor.

Closing, Vice Commodore Catherine Cromartie thanked the judges, Wallace Paletou, Lloyd Causey & Karen Reisch for their service and dedication this weekend and throughout the year.

Flag raising ceremony will be out back at 12:15, please join us.

**Adjourned** 11:48 hours.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Janace Batty**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GYA U S Sailing Championships Committee  
Report to GYA Meeting  
May 2, 2015**

**The Committee did not meet at this GYA Meeting.**

**The U S Sailing championship season for 2015 had begun. As usual, the junior events are first on the calendar. The deadline for applications to the Youth Championships, Junior Women's Singlehanded Championship for the Leiter Trophy and the Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy have passed, and entries have been accepted, and the invitations have been sent for the two junior women's events, and the invitations for the Youth Championships are forthcoming.**

**From the GYA, Camille McGriff (Fairhope YC) and Mallory Edwards (Bay Waveland YC) will compete in the Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship. We had no competitors in the singlehanded event.**

**The Area D eliminations for the Chubb Sears, Bemis and Smythe will be held at Jackson Yacht Club on May 15 - 17, in Laser Radials, Club 420, and J22 with 4 persons. Entries are now open. See the Notice of Race which was posted this week.**

**The Schweppes / Match Race GYA event will not be held this year. It was scheduled for May 9 at Southern Yacht Club. Benz Faget is working to revive this event, with plans to have a GYA Match Race Championship as a Capdevielle event. Dave Perry hosted a 3-day match race clinic for juniors and youth sailors at Southern YC in April, It was well attended.**

**The GYA Eliminations for the applicant to the U S Adult Sailing Championship will be held as part of the Jubly Wynne regatta at Southern YC on May 23 - 24, in J22s. The entry procedures for that event have been changed again. Each RSA will nominate one team to a national selection committee, which will choose 20 teams for the competition. See the U S Sailing website for NOR and Conditions for the finals.**

**The U S Offshore Championship will be sailed in Navy 44s on Chesapeake Bay on September 24 - 26. Each Area may submit one or more teams. The deadline is June 15.**

**Gulfport Yacht Club will host the 2015 Championship of Champions, to be sailed in VX Ones, on October 8 - 11, 2015.**

**Bay Waveland Yacht Club will host the U S Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy, to be sailed in Club 420's, on July 5 - 10, 2016.**

**There are many opportunities to host a U S Sailing Championship in 2016 and beyond. See the 5-Year Championship Calendar, and procedures for hosting an event.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Karen Reisch, Chair**

## **RACING RULES COMMITTEE Annual Meeting Report**

May 2, 2015

1. The GYA Regs were updated from the 2014 copy through the 2015 Winter Meeting. All minutes and committee reports were reviewed to get the revisions approved by the Board during this time frame, and the GYA Excom, and all relevant committee and council chairs were also asked to review the revisions. We particularly thank Cheri Dillard for her review and incorporation of the Regs into the GYA Directory.

However, the copy in the GYA 2015 Directory and Website (shown directly below) incorrectly lists under Appendix H4 some regattas under the wrong state, and includes the Gilliland Regatta, which has lost its Capdevielle status:

#### **H4 QUALIFICATION**

To qualify for scoring in the appropriate division, eligible clubs must compete in each "Division Local Regatta" hosted within their state (as listed below), and at least one of the following "Optional Pool Regattas": Opening, Junior Lipton, Knost, Lipton and Race of Champions.

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Meigs	Summer	Weatherly	Back to School (Deleted for 2015)
Schreck (Deleted for 2015)		Wadewitz	Race Week (Deleted for 2015)

H4 is correctly shown below:

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This should be shown as a correction on the GYA Website and the minutes of the May meeting.

2. The RRC made the following recommendations to the initial proposal to increase the number of Lipton races:

2.1 The perpetual trophies for race winners will still be presented to the winners of races 1, 2, & 3, and *the winner of the Commodore Larry Beauvais, Jr. Memorial Trophy will be presented to the winner of the last race, no matter the number of races actually completed.*

- 2.2 Should there be a stipulation that a skipper can skipper a second time only after the completion of races 1 through 4? Something similar for Crews?
- 2.3 Does 30.3 (b) Teams "The number of Members a GYA Club may carry on its Lipton Team is limited to a team captain, four skippers, two alternate skippers and sixteen crewmembers." also need to be modified?
- 2.4 Do 30.6 (a) Race Courses "Courses shall provide for a typical race duration of approximately 90 minutes." and 30.7 Time Limit "The race time limit shall be two and one-half hours. This shall be stated in the Sailing Instructions." need to be modified as we will be attempting more races?
- 2.5 Does 28.8 "Crew Lists and Crew List Changes." need to be revised?
- 2.6 Trophy costs will apparently increase based on current trophy requirements.
- 2.7 In addition, it does not appear that logistical issues, such as time and provision for crew changes (Reg 28.9) (on the water?), among others, has been addressed. It was also suggested that the Capdevielle Committee vet the proposals as well.
3. The Multihull proposal was reviewed and was deemed to be more of a Bylaws issue.

There were no other requests by any Council or Committee for proposed Reg change review since the January meeting.

We also recommend that whatever is approved at the May meeting be posted on the GYA website as an individual item as well as emailed to the regular mailing lists.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Commodore Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr.  
Chairman

Committee Members:

Commodore Ken Kleinschrodt  
Commodore John Matthews  
Commodore Judy Reeves

## GYA Foundation Report

### Opening Regatta FWYC

2 May 2015

The endowment of the GYA Foundation had previously been managed by Sam Foreman for many years. He had to resign his position due to health issues. The current Foundation decided to seek a professional advisor for the fund, especially in view of the current volatile market conditions.

After appropriate due diligence was carried out, the Foundation board voted to transfer the assets to Delta Financial Services in New Orleans. Mr. Clifford Favrot is our advisor.

Working with Mr. Favrot, the board adopted an investment policy in which the assets are 50% invested in equities (mutual funds and ETF's) and 50% in fixed income investments.

The current investment balance is \$137,000 and the checking account balance is approximately \$15,000.

At the GYA meeting which occurred at the Opening Regatta, the Foundation received a check for \$2750 from the GYA member club assessment.

Charles (Tod) Holman- Foundation Board President



## **GYA PHRF RATING COMMITTEE REPORT, MAY 2, 2015**

Current PHRF certificates are approximately 512, which is a 4% increase from December 2014 total of 494.

A handout is available at the front table that lists, by each club, all boats with valid PHRF certificates. The listing is by club, by NET rating. In the left margin is the appropriate GYA Challenge Cup Class assignment. Race distance is shown for both spinnaker and non-spinnaker races per our Race Results data base. Note that the Challenge Cup requires that one boat in a class model type, such as Melges 24, J-30, etc. have at least 50 nautical miles of race data on file to qualify all boats in that class model type to be eligible to enter the Challenge Cup. Note that the handout only shows boats with current certificates. If there is any question on mileage not shown, such as a boat with an expired certificate, please contact me.

The minutes from our last several meetings, as well as the Directory of Handicappers, By-Laws, and listing of all current PHRF certificate holders, their boats and ratings, can be found on the PHRF web site "[GYA.org](http://GYA.org)" (Click on PHRF). Applications for ratings can be completed on-line at this web site. Recently added is a complete listing of race results for all boats with current PHRF certificates. This is the data base where all race results that are received by me are recorded and are now available for review. Some boats have results going back to the 1980s.

The PHRF Quarterly Review is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, to be held at the Singing River Yacht Club. The meeting will start at 5:00 PM. This is an open meeting for the general discussion session and all are invited to attend. All rating issues, such as, appeals and the review of any boats will be in closed session.

Timely submittal of race results to [Beerytom@yahoo.com](mailto:Beerytom@yahoo.com) (or regular mail) insures that skippers from your Club will have their race results data reviewed by the PHRF Committee at our Annual reviews in December. Boats that have no current year race data recorded will not receive the same level of review as boats with recorded data.

The PHRF Mailing list on excel spread sheet or Gum Labels are frequently requested by Clubs putting on regattas. This is a free service and is provided immediately, when requested. Contact Tom Beery by e-mail, or phone. In most cases labels are mailed the next day.

We now have an up to date list of e-mail addresses and can readily e-mail a copy of your regatta flyer, NOR, SI's, etc. to most all current PHRF certificate holders.

A Race Committee File on excel spread sheet is also available when requested, and is e-mailed immediately.

All information provided is up-to-date.

Tom Beery

- We have collected circuit information for a number of classes, which is available on GYA.org
- We will make sure a council member is assigned to each championship event to make sure the By-laws are followed with proper notification and results recording/reporting
- We were asked to examine the circumstances of 2014 GYA Lightning Championship held at SYC. After consulting the race management committee and others, it was found that the race committee did not produce the NOR in the manner described by the GYA by-laws (title of event not including the wording "GYA Lightning Championship"), but having no official protest or request for redress, the results reported will not be altered and the results should be recorded as official.
- I will ask for any classes not currently represented on our portion of the site, get with me/us to post their circuit info and/or important regatta.

Kevin Blank

ODC Chairman

Gulf Yachting Association  
Opening Regatta Board Meeting  
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RE: Directory Report

On April 1st, I mailed out the 2015 GYA Directory to all yacht clubs, club commodores, past commodores, GYA coordinators, committee and council chairs, executive committee members, other GYA positions and associate members. I hope that by now, you have received your directory.

As most of you know, if anyone in your club would like to become an associate member for \$20.00 a year, they automatically receive a directory and any other notifications that are sent out by the GYA. If someone would like a directory, you can buy one for \$20.00.

Please take the time to look through the directory. There is plenty of important information in there.

If you have not received your directory and you are one of the above mentioned, please see me after the meeting.

I have been informed that there are a few mistakes in the Directory. I have a sheet of these corrections to hand out and can be taped on the inside of your directory.

Corrections as of April 28, 2015:

Commodore Rocky Bond  
1107 13th Street  
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Commodore Stephen LaRosa (ABYC)  
P.O. Box 1830  
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Pelican Yacht Club  
[www.pycl.org](http://www.pycl.org)

Clinton Edwards (BWYC)  
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Gulfport, MS 39507

Gary Garner (FYC)  
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Tommy Garner (FWYC)  
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Cheri Dillard, Editor

## NEW BUSINESS A.

*The Multihull Council is proposing the motion to abandon the Multihull Council due to a lack of interest and support. This follows a recent trend in US Sailing structure as well.*

*Multihull Council*

Mike Pedersen, Bob Hodges & Bert Rice

## NEW BUSINESS B.

Proposal to be made at Annual Board of Directors Meeting, May 2, 2015

Motion to rescind the motion that was made and passed from the January, 2012 GYA Board of Directors that said "for GYA to sail in a new interclub boat by calendar year 2018."

If this motion passes then I propose to make the following motion

Motion - any vote taken to select a Capdevielle boat shall be by written ballot which shall include the option of retaining the Flying Scot as the Capdevielle boat.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS A.

Proposal to the GYA Board of Directors

This proposal is an experimental change, one time only, to increase the number of scheduled races for the 2015 Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge to eight (8) from four (4). This is an experimental change to GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events and not a permanent change.

This experiment has already been implemented in the Junior Lipton Challenge and the Knost Ladies Championship.

The change will be to the rules concerning the numbers of times one can skipper or crew and the number of races scheduled.

Changes to Regulations of Sanctioned Events:

- 30.4
  - Current: Scheduled races shall be four;
  - Change “four” to “eight” in the first sentence.
- 30.5 (b)
  - Current: A skipper shall sail in only one race
  - Change “one race” to “one or two races”.
- 30.5 (c)
  - Current: A team member may crew in one or two races
  - Change “one or two” to “one, two, three or four”.

Scoring:

- This experiment does not change scoring.

Trophies:

- This experiment does not affect perpetual trophy distribution.
- This experiment does change then number of trophies for winning individual races (skippers and crews).

Bay-Waveland Yacht Club is the host club for the 2015 Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge and will give full cooperation and support to this experiment.

This proposal is submitted by the Race Management Committee.